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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, COMSEC

SUBJECT: [] Security
(Discontinuance of MURAL Indicator in CORONA Program)

1. You are hereby notified that the formal compartmentation within CORONA known as MURAL is hereby discontinued.

2. This compartmentation was effected in mid 1961 in order to hold-down knowledge of the evolving stereo capability in CORONA to those individuals in Government and industry directly concerned with this development.

3. The CORONA launch schedule for the remainder of 1962 has programmed no CORONA prime or CORONA triple flights. All CORONA launches in 1962 will fly the stereo system. As the program progresses those in Government who are CORONA cleared and actively associated with CORONA will become aware of the change in the nature of CORONA payloads and realize there has been an advance in the state of the art. Therefore, it is felt that the compartmentation has effectively served its purpose.

4. Those who are CORONA cleared should not now be gratuitously briefed on the stereo capability. If, however, a person must know of the stereo development in order to complete his assignment, it is now permissible to brief him. In an initial CORONA briefing the depth of detail regarding CORONA capability will be determined by the individual's need to know and only a CORONA briefing statement need be signed. CORONA cleared people who were formally briefed MURAL need not execute a MURAL debriefing certificate.

Signed []

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Security Officer
DFD-DD/P

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